

Public Law 86-417

JOINT RESOLUTION

To establish a commission to formulate plans for a memorial to James Madison.

April 8, 1960
[S. J. Res. 128]

Whereas the most precious possession of our people is the rights and liberties which were obtained and insured for them when our Nation was founded; and

Whereas James Madison played a leading role in the formulation and adoption of our Constitution and Bill of Rights, the source and bulwark of these rights and liberties; and

Whereas he further served our Nation with dedication as Secretary of State under Thomas Jefferson and as our fourth President: Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby established a commission, to be known as the "James Madison Memorial Commission" (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission"), for the purpose of considering and formulating plans for the design, construction, and location of a permanent memorial to James Madison in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, or in its immediate environs. The Commission shall be composed of twelve Commissioners appointed as follows: Four persons to be appointed by the President of the United States, four Senators by the President of the Senate, and four Members of the House of Representatives by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Commissioners shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in carrying out the duties of the Commission. The Commission shall report such plans, together with its recommendations, to the President and Congress at the earliest practicable date, and in the interim shall make annual reports of its progress to the President and Congress.

James Madison,
Memorial Commission.

Reports.

Duties.

SEC. 2. The Commission is authorized to—

(a) make such expenditures for personal services and otherwise for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this joint resolution as it may deem advisable from funds appropriated or received as gifts for such purpose;

(b) accept gifts to be used in carrying out the provisions of this joint resolution or to be used in connection with the construction or other expenses of such memorial;

(c) hold hearings, organize contests, enter into contracts for personal services and otherwise, and do such other things as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this joint resolution; and

(d) avail itself of the assistance and advice of the Commission of Fine Arts, the National Capital Planning Commission, and the National Capital Regional Planning Council, and such Commissions and Council shall, upon request, render such assistance and advice.

SEC. 3. The Commission shall give particular study to the feasibility of utilizing the columns taken from the old East Front of the Capitol in formulating plans for such memorial.

SEC. 4. There is authorized to be appropriated not more than \$10,000 to carry out the provisions of this joint resolution.

Appropriation.

Approved April 8, 1960.